

About the Conference

The Children's Network of San Bernardino County concerns itself with "children at risk" who are defined as minors who, because of behavior, abuse, neglect, medical needs, educational assessment, and/ or a detrimental daily living situation, are eligible for services from one or more of the constituent agencies of the Children's Network. A variety of public and private agencies deliver a broad and occasionally confusing and sometimes, inadequate array of direct services to these children.

The overall goal of the Children's Network is to help "children at risk" by improving communication, planning, coordination and cooperation among youth serving agencies: identifying gaps and overlaps in services; providing a forum for clarifying perceptions and expectations among agencies and between agencies and the community; setting priorities for interagency projects; and implementing collaborative programs, public and private, to better serve children and youth.

2006 will mark the 20th annual conference. Professionals from the following fields have consistently attended this conference, making the event one of the Inland Empire's premier training conferences for Human Services professionals.

- Social Workers / Child Welfare Professionals
- Parents & Volunteers
- Health Care & Mental Health Professionals
- Law Enforcement & Safety Personnel
- Case Managers & Child Care Workers
- Public Officials

- Teachers & School Administrators
- Counselors & Child Advocates
- Family Law Community
- Foster Parents & Kinship Providers
- Child Abuse Prevention Councils
- Clergy & Faith Based Organizations



Call for Proposals

Each year, the Children's Network conference brings together hundreds of professionals in the Human Services, Safety, Law Enforcement and Education fields to improve services to children and families. Children's Network invites Presenters to submit workshops on any of the following topics:

- Child Protection/Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Child and At-Risk Youth Issues: Medical, Psychological, Behavioral, Learning, Social & Transitioning
- Youth Violence/Substance Abuse Treatment
- Law Enforcement/Legal Issues/Conflict Resolutions
- Mandated Reporting/Advocacy Issues and Strategies
- Kinship Care/Guardianship/Reunification/Adoption
- Family Strengths/Fatherhood Issues
- Culture, Ethnicity and Race
- Child Development/Education/Learning Disabilities
- Creative Funding and Grant-Writing
- Research: Lessons Learned, Recommendations, Data/Assessment Tools
- Legislation and Policy: Federal, State, Local

Presentation Submission Guidelines

The following items must be submitted by March 3, 2006 (submissions received after the due date will not be considered without prior approval): Remember to complete and submit all items to have your submission considered. You may e-mail, fax or mail your proposal.

Presentation Description
Presentation Abstract
Lead Presenter & Co-Presenter Biography
Lead Presenter & Co-Presenter Resume or Curriculum Vitae

Submission Address:

Children's Network Call for Proposals-20th Annual Conference 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 2nd Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0049 Ph: (909) 387-8966 Fax: (909) 387-4656 E-Mail: staylor@hss.sbcounty.gov

Notification

Notification of proposal selection and all subsequent correspondance will be sent only to the Primary Presenter. It is the responsibility of the Primary Presenter to inform any other Presenters of all written and oral communications.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected on their relevance to the conference theme, engaging format, style, clarity, content, originality, ability to be replicated, cultural competence and interest to the target audience. Special attention will be given to ensuring cultural and geographical diversity and public and private agency representation. Presentations highlighting effective program models, are interactive, showcase public/private partnerships, excellence in training, interdisiplinary models, creative policy strategies and approaches that provide participants with information and guidance to support work in the field, are desired.

Presentation Description

Please provide/attach a typed detailed description of your presentation. Items 1-6 must clearly include: (Items 7-9 are optional)

- 1. Presentation goals/desired outcomes
- 2. Presentation learning objectives
- 3. Comprehensive logical outline/overview of agenda
- 4. Relevance to the conference attendees/targeted audience
- 5. Presentation methods/format (lecture, discussion, group exercises, hands-on activities, role-play, questions & answers, degree of participant involvement)
- 6. Description of materials distributed
- 7. Post-test (Optional)
- 8. Handout materials (Optional)
- 9. Bibliography (Optional)

Please include any multi-media enhancements you use in your workshop. Accounts of this or similar presentations you have delivered may also be helpful.

Presentation Abstract

Please provide/attach a typed, brief but comprehensive, description of the proposed presentation suitable for publication in the conference registration brochure and the conference program. This description may be edited for consistant style and space. The description must include:

Topic

Presentation learning objectives/goals

Content

Presentation methods/format

Level of knowledge/skill needed. Please make it engaging, participatory, and informative!

Multiple Proposals

Presenters are encouraged to submit more than one proposal, in any area of expertise.

Workshop Length

All workshops will be 60 minutes in length.

Workshop Format

You are encouraged to use an appropriate variety of teaching methods!

Panel/Presentation Interactive Presentation Skill-Building Training

Handouts

We invite you to provide written materials for your worksop. . Your handouts will be included in a CD-ROM which will be given to all attendees. Handouts must be submitted electronically in MS Word or PowerPoint programs.

Presenter Information

Lead Presenter Information

Previous Children's Network Conference

Presenter?

Name		
Title		
Degree/License/Certificate		
Organization/Agency		
Address		
City/State/Zip Code		
Phone Number		
Fax Number		
E-Mail		
Previous Children's Network Conference Presenter?	YES, which year(s)?	or NO (please circle)
Additional Presenter Info	rmation	
Name		
Title		
Degree/License/Certificate		
Organization/Agency		
Address		
City/State/Zip Code		
Phone Number		
Fax Number		
E Mail		

<u>All Presenter Biographies</u> - Expertise and professional activities of Presenters (1/2 page maximum for each presenter). Please include information about current and past positions and experience in your field of expertise. Also include information about previous presentations at similar conferences. Attach current biographical summary/resume or Curriculum Vitae.

or NO (please circle)

YES, which year(s)? _

<u>Registration</u> - Compensation for workshop presenters will be in the form of a complimentary conference registration for up to two (2) presenters only. Additional presenters will be required to register for the conference at the published rate.

Conference Workshop Categories

(Circle all that apply)

Health and Safety
Law Enforcement/Family Violence
Community Resources
Cultural Competence
Counseling/Intervention Strategies
Child Development and Education
Professional Development
Parenting

Audio/Visual Requests

(Circle all that apply)

Flip Chart
Overhead Projector
VHS Player and Monitor
LCD Projector
Laptop Computer
CD Player

Other	

Room Size and Room Set-Up Preferences

Rooms are set up in theater or classroom style. If you have special needs and require a different room set up, please let us know. Classroom size will vary from approximately 15 - 50 participants.

Volunteers

Help us make this year's event even better!! If you are interested in volunteering at the 20th Annual Children's Network Conference, please check out our website at www.sbcounty.gov/childnet for an application, or for more information please contact the Children's Network at (909) 387-8966. We're sorry, but due to the high cost, Children's Network is unable to offer free registrations to volunteers.

Exhibitor/Resource Tables

Thank you to all the organizations who showed interest in exhibiting during the 20th Annual Children's Network Conference. Professionals from fields such as education, medicine, social work, nursing, law enforcement, safety, childcare, and counseling are among those who make the Children's Network conference #1 on their calendars every year. The diversity of the audience provide a panorama of potential customers and clients for each and every exhibitor.

If you are looking for an extremely economical and effective way to attract the attention of our attendees, the Resource Tables are for you. Our attendees can browse your materials between workshops, and take them to share with their colleagues and clients.

Due to overwhelming response and limitation of space, table registration is on a "first come, first serve" basis.

It is our hope that you will join us for this fun, informative event in Ontario in September 2006. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You to all of our Past Sponsors and Collaborative Partners

The Children's Network Conference is a collaborative effort between:

San Bernardino County Children's Network

Children's Fund

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San Bernardino County Department of Public Health

Community Action Partnership

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services

San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health

San Bernardino County Office of Alcohol & Drug Prevention

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

Housing Authority of San Bernardino County

In Cooperation with the City of Ontario and the Ontario Convention Center.

For information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Susan Melanson at (909) 387-8966.